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## **NEW CASTLE MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION AND PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Indianapolis - Lawrence Ross Frame, 45, New Castle, Ind., was charged in a criminal complaint today with one count of possession and five counts of production of child pornography, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Henry County Sheriff's Department, the Henry County Prosecutor's Office, the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Indiana State Police.

The complaint alleges that between June 2, 2008 and October 2008, Frame, at the time a member of the New Castle Police Department, on four to five occasions videotaped sex acts between he and a female approximately 16 years-old. During a search of Frame's vehicle, law enforcement agents also encountered numerous high quality duplications of United States \$20 bills and a high quality duplication of an Indiana driver's license. Searches of Frame's person and vehicle allegedly yielded multiple lap top computers and external hard drives, as well as small digital storage devices.

"Those who seek to harm and sexually exploit our children should know that we will hold them accountable for their actions," said Daniel Dill, Resident Agent in Charge of ICE's Office of Investigations in Indianapolis. "We will continue working closely with other law enforcement agencies and prosecutors at the local, state and federal level to investigate and bring child predators to justice." Persons with information that may be relevant to this investigation should call the ICE Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steven D. DeBrotta and A. Brant Cook, who are prosecuting the case for the government, Frame faces a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 30 years in prison on each production count, and maximum of ten years on the single possession count, and a \$250,000 fine. Frame is scheduled to appear late this afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

A complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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